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SUBJECT: USDI, O'MEARA LETTER TO TAHER OBAID, MAY 6, 1975

REF: JIDDA 2381, PARAGRAPH 2

FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF O'MEARA'S LETTER TO TAHER OBAID  
DATED MAY 6, 1975:

1. THIS WILL ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR LETTER OF APRIL 16, IN WHICH  
YOU ENCLOSED TENDER DOCUMENTS FOR THE MANFAUHA TREATMENT  
PLANT AND REQUESTED OUR REVIEW OF THE EVALUATION REPORT  
CONTAINED THEREIN.

2. THE COMPLETE DOCUMENTATION OF THE OFFERS RECEIVED  
ARRIVED TODAY. BASED ON OUR CURRENT STAFF COMMITMENTS,  
IT WILL BE SOME TIME BEFORE WE CAN MAKE A REVIEW OF ALL  
OFFERS. HOWEVER, OUR REVIEW OF THE EVALUATION REPORT  
INDICATES THAT THE EXCEPTIONS TAKEN BY THE APPARENT LOW  
BIDDER, DEGREMONT, TO THE TENDER DOCUMENTS ON ALTERNATIVE 1,  
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SHOULD BE TECHNICALLY ACCEPTABLE. THIS ASSUMES THAT THE

EQUIPMENT PROPOSED BY DEGREMONT MEETS CONVENTIONAL DESIGN  
PRACTICE FOR SUCH EQUIPMENT.

3. THE LATEST DESIGN FOR THE 100 MILLION GALLONS PER DAY  
MEMBRANE DESALTING PLANT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING  
TO BUILD AT YUMA, ARIZONA, ENVISIONS THE USE OF A SYSTEM  
SIMILAR TO THAT PROPOSED BY DEGREMONT. FIELD TEST  
RESULTS AT YUMA, IN WHICH WE UTILIZE A PRECIPITATOR  
FOLLOWED BY SINGLE STAGE FILTRATION HAVE RESULTED IN  
WATER OF EXCELLENT QUALITY WHICH PROVIDES A HIGHLY  
SUITABLE FEED WATER FOR INTRODUCTION INTO THE MEMBRANE  
DESALTING UNITS.

4. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THE TENDER DOCUMENTS RECEIVED  
UNDER SEPARATE COVER WILL BE DEVELOPED, BUT I DO NOT  
EXPECT THAT WE CAN ACCOMPLISH FURTHER REVIEW AND PROVIDE  
ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PRIOR TO YOUR MAY 15 DEADLINE.

5. I WOULD HOPE THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN MY  
EARLIER TELEGRAM AND THIS LETTER WILL GIVE YOU SUFFICIENT  
DATA TO CONFIDENTLY PROCEED WITH A CONTRACT AWARD.  
SIGNED O'MEARA.

6. BID DOCUMENTS WERE RETURNED TO OBAID VIA DIPLOMATIC  
AIR POUCH ON JUNE 4.  
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